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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR POWER - EGYPT OPENS BIDS

FOR NUCLEAR POWER STATION ON SCHEDULE, FEB 3

REF: CAIRO 10335, 10353 1974); CAIRO 1070

1. BOTH GENERAL ELECTRIC (GE) AND WESTINGHOUSE HAVE REPORTED THAT THEIR BIDS FOR 600 MEGAWAT NUCLEAR ELECTRIC POWER GENERATING PLANT WERE OPENED AS SCHEDULED FEB 3 IN CAIRO. GE AND WESTINGHOUSE WERE ONLY BIDDERS. NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN BURNS AND ROE AND MINELECTRICITY FOR QUOTE IN-HOUSE CONSULTANT UNQUOTE FOR NUCLEAR PROJECTS CONCLUDED FEB 3 AND CONTRACT SIGNING EXPECTED FEB 8. ACCORDING TO GE, EGYPTIANS ASKED FOR BID VALIDITY OF SIX MONTHS. GE COMPLIED; WESTINGHOUSE OFFERED ONLY THREE MONTHS. BURNS AND ROE TELLS US 9-12 MONTHS REQUIRED FOR SELECTION OF VENDOR.

2. AT CHANGE PRE-OPENING MEETING, MINELECTRICITY FIRST UNDERSEC ABAZA AGAIN RAISED STATUS OF NUCLEAR COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH GE REPS INDICATING THAT GOE STILL AWAITING MOVE FROM US SIDE. ABAZA SAID HE HOPED AGREEMENT COULD BE SIGNED IN APRIL, POSSIBLY REFLECTING INFO PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED TO HIM, SEE CAIRO 10335. WE TOLD GE REPS THAT BALL IS STILL IN EGYPTIAN COURT AND THAT WE COULD NOT SPECULATE
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ON TIME FRAME, AS DECISION UP TO GOE.

3. COMMENT: TECHNICAL LEVEL MINELECTRICITY AND ATOMIC
ENERGY COMMITTEE SEEM DETERMINED TO PRESS AHEAD
WITH NUCLEAR PLANT PREPARATIONS DESPITE POLITICAL RED LIGHT.
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